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SUBJECT:PROPOSED TRANSFER O MEXICO OF SNM EMBEDDED
IN FUEL FABRICATION EQUIPMENT (S-530)

1. MEXICAN NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (INEN) HAS
PURCHASED USED FUEL FABRICATION EQUIPMENT FROM KERR-MCGEE
COMPANY FOR USE IN R&D IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FUEL. COM-
MERCE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED LICENSE FOR EXPORT OF EQUIPMEN.
HIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBJECT TO
AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.

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2. EQUIPMENT IS CONTAMINATED WITH LESS THAN 5 GRAMS URANIUM

ENRICHED TO MAXIMUM 15 PERCENT (I.E., CONTAINING LESS THAN
1 GRAM U-235). ALTHOUGH PERMANENLY ADHERING TO EQUIPMEN
AND UNUSABLE FOR ANY PURPOSE, THIS MATERIAL REQUIRES NRC
LICENSE FOR EXPORT, WHICH MUST BE UNDER AN AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION. FABRICATION EQUIPMENT, THEREFORE, CANNOT RE-

PEAT NOT BE EXPORTED UNTIL NRC LICENSE IS ISSUED FOR MATERIAL EXPORT.

3. WHEN INFORMED OF SITUATION LAST WINTER BY NUSAC CORPORATION (ACTING FOR KERR-MCGEE), ERDA SUGGESTED TO NUSAC THAT

SINCE THERE IS NO U.S.-MEXICO AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION, INEN MIGHT WISH TO ASK GOM TO SEEK IAEA ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THIS SNM EXPORT. ERDA INFORMED NUSAC OF RELEVANT IAEA PROCEDURES.

4. NUSAC NOW ADVISES, ON BASIS INEN REPORT OF KERR-MCGEE, THAT INEN ASKED GOM TO APPROACH IAEA, THAT GOM MISSION IN VIENNA DID SO (PERHAPS ONLY VERBALLY), AND THAT IAEA SIMPLY REPLIED THAT NEGOTIATING A PROJECT AGREEMENT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. IAEA REPORTEDLY ADVANCED NO SUGGESTION AS TO WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ENABLE MEXICO TO OBTAIN MATERIAL THROUGH IAEA.

5. MISSION IS REQUESTED DISCUSS MATTER WITH IAEA, INQUIRE WHETHER MEXICO HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED AGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND ASCERTAIN POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORT OF THIS MATERIAL UNDER U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. U.S. IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EXPORT, IF AGENCY SO REQUESTS, UPON RECEIPT CUSTOMARY ASSURANCE THAT MATERIAL WILL BE SUBJECT TO U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.
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IF IAEA OR MISSION BELIEVE SOME OTHER STEPS APPROPRIATE, U.S. WILL BE GLAD TO CONSIDER THEM. U.S. WISHES TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN THIS MATTER, IN VIEW OF MEXICAN NPT STATUS AND FACT THAT SNM INVOLVED IS IRRECOVERABLE AND IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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